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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Having competitive local providers is key to a robust communications infrastructure. For the longest time, we had a single voice provider (at&t). Their DSL service didn't work in our area because we were too far from the CO. Our first opportunity for broadband was provided by Comcast (as well as providing voice). While I applaud competition for voice services, broadband is becoming even more important than voice services in the modern age. AT&T and Sonic finally brought fiber to our area with an immediate 50-75% reduction in broadband and voice pricing.

Competition is the only way to move monopolistic providers forward. Monopolies continue to use their infrastructure to keep additional players out of the market to preserve their market power.

Say NO to price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services.

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